

## Qualifying Disabilities for Plates or a Parking Permit for People with Severe Disabilities:

A qualifying disability is one or more of the following impairments, disabilities or conditions, that affect mobility and are permanent in nature:

1. Use of portable oxygen;
2. Legal blindness;
3. Limited use, or no use, of one or both legs;
4. Inability to walk 200 feet without stopping;
5. A neuro-muscular dysfunction that severely limits mobility;
6. A Class III or IV cardiac condition (American Heart Association standards);
7. Severe limitation in the ability to walk due to an arthritic, neurological or orthopedic condition;
8. Restriction because of lung disease to such an extent that forced (respiratory) expiratory volume for one second, when measured by spirometry, is less than one liter, or the arterial oxygen tension is less than sixty mm/hg of room air at rest.

*A Temporary Parking Permit* may be issued when a person has a temporary disabling condition which affects mobility so that the person is unable to walk without a cane, crutches, a walker or other assisting device.

## Important: Who Can Certify a Disability

You must obtain proof of the disability from a licensed physician, member of the handicap driver training unit or, in the case of blindness, a licensed optometrist is acceptable.

If you have moved to Connecticut from another state, you must apply for a Connecticut permit, using a completed form B-225. Both Part A and Part B of the application must be completed.

Making a false statement or giving false information on an application for a permit or plates is punishable under Connecticut Statutes.

## About Parking Permits

A permit is issued to a person with a qualifying disability, and the permit may be used in any vehicle in which that person is riding. For example, a child with a qualifying disability may receive a permit, to be used when riding as a passenger in any vehicle.

Permits may also be issued to a facility or an agency for vehicles they use primarily to transport people with qualifying disabilities. A form B-225 must be completed by the head of the facility or agency, and the vehicle must be used at least 50% of the time for transporting eligible clients.

A temporary permit is valid for up to six months, requires proof of disability just like a permanent permit and allows the same access to reserved parking spaces. If you have a temporary parking permit that is due to expire, and you still have a qualifying disability, you must obtain a new medical certification before applying for another temporary parking permit.

There is no fee charged for the issuance of a permanent parking permit. There is a \$5 fee charged for each temporary permit issued. If you lose your permit or it is stolen, immediately report it to DMV.

The permit is designed to hang from the rearview mirror when parked, but should be removed when the vehicle is being operated.

## About Plates

License plates for people with disabilities are issued for passenger, commercial, combination and motorcycle registrations.

You do not have to be a licensed operator to obtain the plates, but you must be at least 18 years of age to register a vehicle.

License plates with the International Symbol of Access are only issued to a vehicle registered in the name of the person with the disability. If you are unable to register the vehicle in the name of the disabled person, refer to the section on Parking Permits.

## Obtaining Plates

You may apply for these plates at any DMV full service office. You must provide proof of disability (form B-225), along with any other documents required for the registration of a vehicle.

If you already have a valid permanent parking permit, no further medical documentation will be required. You will, however, be required to complete section A of the form B-225.

## Renewing Plates

You do not have to provide proof of disability when renewing plates.

## Proper Use of Valid Permits or License Plates

Any vehicle with a license plate or valid permit displaying the International Symbol of Access may use parking spaces designated for use by a person with a disability. The person to whom the license plate or permit was issued must be traveling in the vehicle in order to use these spaces.



Plates and permits do not allow you to disobey state or local parking regulations. They also do not exempt you from parking fees unless a locality has adopted an ordinance to that effect.

### **Misuse of Parking Permits or Plates**

With the parking permit and license plates goes the responsibility for making sure they are used properly. If you misuse plates or a parking permit or allow another to misuse them, the DMV may revoke the plates/permit or deny renewal.

The most common misuse is when someone other than the person with a disability uses the plates or permit to park in a space reserved for people with disabilities. These parking permits or plates are valid only when the person with a disability who received the permit or plates is driving the vehicle or is a passenger in it.

### **Parking Spaces**

On-street parking spaces reserved for people with disabilities are designated by local law or ordinance. If you have a question about parking for people with disabilities on a particular street, contact the authorities responsible for maintaining the road. Off-street parking spaces for people with disabilities are required by law at any private facility with 201 or more parking spaces.

License plates for people with disabilities are available at all full service DMV offices or by mail.

### **Traveling Out of State**

The federal government has adopted regulations regarding a uniform system of handicapped parking for persons with disabilities. As set forth in the regulations, the International Symbol of Access is displayed on every state's special license plates and parking permits. While Connecticut plates and permits for people with disabilities are

available only to Connecticut residents, Connecticut honors out-of-state plates and permits for people with disabilities, just as other states honor Connecticut's plates and permits for people with disabilities.

### **Remember:**

- Apply for plates or a permit for people with disabilities only if you have a qualifying disability.

You may apply for:

- 2 placards  
or
- 2 sets of plates  
or
- 1 set of plates and 1 placard.

### **Note:**

These are the only options available.

- Use reserved spaces only if you have these plates or this permit and only when the person with a disability is driving or riding in the vehicle.
- Don't allow others to misuse your plates or permit.
- Plates and permits do not exempt you from parking regulations or fees.
- Never park in the access aisle or striped areas next to a reserved parking space. It is for access by people with wheelchairs and specially-equipped vehicles, and is not a parking zone.

## **Special Parking Permits For Persons With Disabilities**



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